
Subject: : Paflyfish General Forum

Topic: : Opening day angler counts

Re: Opening day angler counts

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SNPbound wrote:

I am passionate because its being perceived that they (the fish commission) isn't responsible for doing a bad job stocking and gives excuses for not making an effort to stock better and it's being put upon the anglers for not volunteering enough. Maybe if the people in charge would be less concerned about the topics on this forum and go out and do their job we wouldn't be having anyone saying they need more volunteers. I know for a fact the Stevens trade is building float stocking floats. What would we do without volunteers. As for volunteering I've done my fair share of stream work and put in my time. I guess why I'm passionate is why do we invest so much money in a put and take fishery And not invest money in stream repairs and conservation efforts? The stream repairs around my area have been done to streams that run right through cattle pastures and have not potential to ever regain a good population of naturally reproducing population of fish. Maybe mike can answer this one as to why the efforts are put into these streams and the access is not allowed such as the work on conowingo creek. I was recently told by officer scmidt that the population of wild trout in conowingo creek isn't very established, but I have since heard that during the residency shocking survey they found a good population of these wild browns? Mike can you offer any input?

Just because a local TU chapter chooses to work on stream enhancements in an impaired stream doesn't mean that the PFBC is at fault. Read some of the watershed surveys for Conowingo - it sure looks to me like there is viable fish population there. If it is on private land/water and access is an issue, that's probably because some slob anglers trashed the landowners properties at some point. Interestingly enough, I found out Saturday evening that a local impaired water that I fished Saturday morning WAS float stocked, in at least two sections. This was bad for me with kids, in one sense, in that there weren't a ton of fish in one hole, but its good for me in an individual sense because it means I can walk a mile or two of stream later this week and expect to see a few fish spread the whole way around. I may have to contend with cow turds floating by, but that's not the PFBC's fault.

I'm intrigued by your notion that the PFBC should supply float boxes. Do you have a plan for the logistics of storing and hauling these boxes to potential sites? Should they run a second truck behind the stocking truck with float boxes on it that people can obtain on loan (for a small deposit) and then pick them up a few hours later downstream? That alone is reason enough for volunteers to be responsible for providing the float boxes and the labor to man them while float stocking; the logistics of providing the boxes make it impractical for the PFBC to be the supplier and the storage facility, IMHO.

It's just an interesting position to take for someone who fishes for wild fish to attack the stocking program...